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1) WE HAVE TENATIVELY SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC COMMISSION FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNEX D OF THE FLORENCE AGREEMENT. ANNEX D PROVIDES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS IF COMPARABLE INSTRUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE EC.

2) EMBASSY BRUSSELS RECENTLYREPORTED (REFAIR) THAT BELGIAN TRADE SOURCES REPORT GREATER DIFFICULTY IN SECURING DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF INSTRUMENTS THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN EARLY 1977.

3) ACTION REQUESTED. POSTS ARE ASKED TO ASCERTAIN FROM IMPORTERS AND APPROPRIATE TRADE SOURCES WHETHER CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS UNDER ANNEX D HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE PAST YEAR. INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL BE USEFUL FOR SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS. VANCE

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